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SUBJECT: SHABA INCURSIONS: FRENCH MISSION COMMENTS

DURING LUNCHEON CONVERSATION ON ANOTHER SUBJECT, FRENCH
MISSION COUNSELLOR PIERRE GARRIGUE-GUYONNAUD SAID HIS
MISSION WAS NOT INFORMED ABOUT THE DETAILS OF FRENCH
CONTINGENCY PLANNING CONCERNING THE SHABA INCURSIONS.
HE SAID NO FINAL DECISION APPEARED TO HAVE BEEN MADE IN
PARIS ON A RESPONSE TO MOBUTU'S REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE.
HE CONSIDERED IT HIGHLY UNLIKELY THAT FRANCE WOULD AGREE
TO SIGNIFICANT DIRECT MILITARY PARTICIPATION OR LARGE
MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO ZAIRE. HE HAD LITTLE INFORMATION
ABOUT FRENCH PLANNING FOR THE PROTECTION AND EVACUATION OF
FRENCH NATIONALS IN THE ZONE OF HOSTILITIES, BUT HE
ASSUMED, BASED UPON THE REPORTING HE HAD SEEN, THAT FRENCH
AUTHORITIES WERE DISCUSSING THESE MATTERS WITH AMERICANS
AND BELGIANS ON THE GROUND. GARRIGUE-GUYONNAUD SAID HE
WAS CERTAIN THAT THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT WOULD BE AGREEABLE
TO A SYSTEMATIC DISCUSSION OF THE CURRENT SITUATION WITH
THE US AND A SENSIBLE COORDINATION OF FUTURE COURSES OF
ACTION. HE SUGGESTION THAT SUCH A DISCUSSION SHOULD TAKE
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